

From: George Crippen
To: Robert Williams
Sent: 8/5/2011 4:50:02 PM
Subject: Fw: heat

The previous email should have said: They are not confiscating fans

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From: Robert Williams/Health_Services/TDCJ
To: George Crippen/Health_Services/TDCJ@TDCJ
Date: 08/05/2011 03:03 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

Thank you

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From: George Crippen
Sent: 08/05/2011 02:52 PM CDT
To: Robert Williams
Cc: Phyllis Mcwhorter
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

Mr. Stephens called me back. They are doing the following:

The Regional Directors have been instructed to do:

- Getting a list of all offenders on psychotropic meds and moving to lower rows;
- Access to showers when they want to shower and water temp is being lower to the lowest temp allowed by regs
- Training for officers is on going about heat related illnesses
- They are confiscating fans even those that have been altered
- Purge fans are being used to help move air (these are use as exhaust to remove chemical smells)
- Offenders are being allowed to wear shorts and t-shirts to rec rooms

He agreed to allowing a forth time of passing out ice.

If there is anything else they can do, Mr. Stephens is very open to trying it.

Thanks

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Date: 08/05/2011 01:40 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

I can if needed, but I thought Phyllis kept Dr Linthicum apprised of extreme temperature cases.

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From: George Crippen
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Dr. Williams:

Do you want to send this to Dr. Linthicum today?

Thanks

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Date: 08/05/2011 10:44 AM
Subject: Fw: RE: heat

Details below

----- Original Message -----

From: "Adams, Charles D." [cdadams@utmb.edu]
Sent: 08/05/2011 03:41 PM GMT
To: Robert Williams
Subject: FW: RE:

FYI

With our aging and sicker population, we really need a better long term strategy for dealing with this type of weather.

My thoughts,

Danny

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From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 9:48 AM
To: Adams, Charles D.
Cc: Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: RE: RE:

Here are the other 2 that were life flighted:

Settles, Edward # 1559637
Unit- Boyd
Meds:-ASA, Benzotropine 2mg qd, Dicloxacillin 500mg bid, Enalapril 10mg qpm, fluphenzine 10mg, qpm, motoprolol 25mg bid, nortriptyline 75mg qpm, metformin 100 mg bid.
No show for MH appt on 8-2-11. Clinic closed at 1800 hours. At approx 2250 he was asked for ID and did not respond. Dyspneic and 911 was activated. EMS arrived at 2310 and dx with heat stroke, resp failure, and hyponatremia.
Temp on unit at 2300 was 92 degrees and 30% humidity.
Security was providing ice water 3x daily on the wings but he also had access to water in housing area.
Transported to ETMC-Tyler via air; EMS decision. Placed on vent, weaning him off due to patient improvement.

Meyers, Thomas #680515
Unit- Coffield
Meds- Enalapril 10mg qam, Levothyroxine 0.1mg qd, Pravastatin 20mg qam, Risperidone 2mg qpm
Nursing arrived in housing area at 2230. Offender had been in day room area and was at that time lying on the walk way on 2 row. He was unresponsive, skin hot and dry, however respirations were even and unlabored. Pupils constricted and non reactive, tachycardic, temp 104.6 ax.
Offender had free access to water in housing area. He was assigned to R wing which is noted to be hottest wing on the unit due to location in the evening sun. GP offender that had access to pill window but was not compliant with BP meds and Levothyroxine.
Helicopter landed on the unit (EMS request) to pick up patient however the patient coded. Removed from the chopper and taken by ground to PRMC where he was pronounced dead.

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From: Adams, Charles D.
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:33 AM
To: Maxwell, Kelly B.; Robison, Jerri D.; Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: RE:

Thank you Kelly.

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Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Robison, Jerri D.; Burns, Bobby W.
Cc: Adams, Charles D.; Maxwell, Kelly B.
Subject: RE: RE:

Gurney Unit shipped Offender Brucia, Joseph # 1723327 for chest pain on 8.2.11. He went via helicopter to ETMC Tyler. EMS made the call to ship via helicopter. Offender had abnormal EKG and low blood pressure. He was given IV bolus and then nitro that helped relieve his pain. Mr. S. Smith PA stated today that if his diagnosis was correct that the helicopter was appropriate call, but that we did not make it.

From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 5:23 PM
To: Maxwell, Kelly B.; Burns, Bobby W.
Cc: Adams, Charles D.
Subject: Fwd: RE:

Please see Dr Adam's request below. I need the information in the am. Thank you both in advance.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adams, Charles D." <cdadams@utmb.edu<mailto:cdadams@utmb.edu>>
Date: August 4, 2011 4:37:05 PM CDT
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Cc: "Biscoe, Paul I." <pibiscoe@UTMB.EDU<mailto:pibiscoe@UTMB.EDU>>, "Wright, Gary G." <ggwright@UTMB.EDU<mailto:ggwright@UTMB.EDU>>
Subject: RE:

Can you have the names and TDCJ numbers of these three to me in the AM ? I would also be interested in their age, circumstances of the event (working outdoors vs. recreation yard), how much water had they consumed, time of day symptoms began, current meds, etc.

Thank you,
Danny

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From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:20 PM
To: Adams, Charles D.
Subject: Re: RE:
I believe it was Boyd.

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On Aug 4, 2011, at 2:57 PM, "Adams, Charles D." <cdadams@utmb.edu<mailto:cdadams@utmb.edu>> wrote:

Was the second one off of Beto..the one that died ? Wonder if we can have TDCJ "lock down" for a while until the weather cools a bit, or at least bring everyone in around 11 AM.

Danny

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Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:42 PM
To: Adams, Charles D.
Subject: Fwd: RE:

More info on the chopper

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To: "Robison, Jerri D." <jdrobiso@UTMB.EDU<mailto:jdrobiso@UTMB.EDU>>

Subject: RE:

Edward Settles 1559637 was a heat related case from Boyd. He was transported to ETMC-FF where he was diagnosed with heat stroke. He was transported by helicopter to ETMC-Tyler where he was placed on a vent. He is improving and they are attempting to wean him off the vent today.

Thomas Meyers 680515 was brought to the clinic by staff in a heat related case. He was picked up by EMS who had a helicopter land at the unit. He was placed in the bird where he coded. He was removed from the bird and taken by ground unit to PRMC where he was pronounced.

From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:17 PM
To: Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: RE:

Was this the guy with the heat related illness? IF so, who gave the order to ship via air, the EMS or a provider?

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From: Burns, Bobby W.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Robison, Jerri D.
Subject: RE:

I had one from Boyd 8/3/11.

From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:04 PM
To: Maxwell, Kelly B.; Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: FW:

Do either of you know of any of our patients that were air lifted out today or yesterday?

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From: Adams, Charles D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Clayton, Harold B.; Wright, Gary G.
Cc: Robison, Jerri D.
Subject:

Good Afternoon,

What was the nature of the two recent life-flights (one yesterday and one today) ? Was life flight really needed? Did the EMS ground crew order it or did we? We need to know which

ones to challenge, fairly early on.

Thanks,

Danny

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To: George Crippen
Sent: 8/5/2011 1:59:15 PM
Subject: Fw: News Release: Consumers asked to conserve electricity 3-7 pm today and next week

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From: Kirk Moss/Institutional/TDCJ
To: Division Directors, CID Deputy Directors, Regional Directors
Cc: michelle.lyons@tdcj.state.tx.us, Bryan Collier/Executive_Directors_Office/TDCJ, kathy.cleere@tdcj.state.tx.us
Date: 08/05/2011 01:47 PM
Subject: Fw: News Release: Consumers asked to conserve electricity 3-7 pm today and next week

FYI. Please try to conserve electricity where possible.

Thanks,

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If the capacity shortage is not relieved by the contract demand response, ERCOT escalates to a **Power Emergency** (Energy Emergency Alert Level 3) and will instruct utilities to reduce demand on the grid by conducting temporary outages at the local distribution level. These controlled temporary interruptions of electrical service - or rotating outages - typically last 15-45 minutes before being rotated to a different neighborhood.

Consumers should contact the utility company/ transmission provider listed on their electric bill for information about power outages at their homes or business, or about rotating outage procedures for their area.

How to Track Electricity Demand

- View daily peak demand forecast and current load at <http://www.ercot.com/>
- View daily peak demands by the hour at this [link](#)
- Get real-time notices of energy emergency alerts by following [ERCOT on Twitter](#)

Consumer Assistance

- Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline - 1-888-782-8777
- Office of Public Utility Counsel Consumer Assistance - 1-877-839-0363

Call Your Electric Utility for Information about Local Outages

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How to Track Electricity Demand

- View daily peak demand forecast and current load at <http://www.ercot.com/>
- View daily peak demands by the hour at this [link](#)
- Get real-time notices of energy emergency alerts by following [ERCOT on Twitter](#)

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- Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline - 1-888-782-8777
- Office of Public Utility Counsel Consumer Assistance - 1-877-839-0363

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From: Phyllis Mcwhorter
To: Phyllis Mcwhorter
CC: Chris Black-Edwards; George Crippen; Phyllis Mcwhorter; Shirley Nelson; Donna Hughes; Janice Vickers; Robert Williams
Sent: 8/5/2011 9:00:22 AM
Subject: Re: Interesting....

Sorry - Wrong attachment

[attachment "Heat-Related Illnesses.ppt" deleted by Robert Williams/Health_Services/TDCJ]

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From: Phyllis Mcwhorter/Health_Services/TDCJ
To: George Crippen/Health_Services/TDCJ@TDCJ, Robert Williams/Health_Services/TDCJ@TDCJ, Chris Black/Health_Services/TDCJ@TDCJ
Cc: HSL
Date: 08/05/2011 08:52 AM
Subject: Interesting....

Last year HSL developed a temperature extreme database to record the number of cases reported to this office. This morning I graphed the data for 2010 and 2011 year-to-date. Last year's total number of cases reported (which were all reported between June and September) was 46. This year, in June and July alone we have had 48 reported. At least four of these cases have resulted in offender death. I'm going to have to go back and determine if this is all of the offenders who died in 2011, and how many, if any, died in 2010. (I didn't begin a column for this category until today.)

I will keep you updated.

[attachment "Special Transports Query.xls" deleted by Phyllis Mcwhorter/Health_Services/TDCJ]

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From: Robert Williams
To: George Crippen
Sent: 8/5/2011 2:46:48 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

That's sounds like as much as can be done at this point. I will let Dr Linthicum know when I see her.

----- Original Message -----

From: George Crippen
Sent: 08/05/2011 02:14 PM CDT
To: Robert Williams
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

Yes she does but not normally when she is away at ACA on a Friday afternoon when I do not know what can be done with a system wide problem for the entire state for everyone. Security is making ice, water, and fans available. I will call Mr. Thaler and ask if ice can be given more often than 3 times a day.

Please let me know if there is something else I can do.

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From: Robert Williams/Health_Services/TDCJ
To: George Crippen/Health_Services/TDCJ@TDCJ
Date: 08/05/2011 01:40 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

I can if needed, but I thought Phyllis kept Dr Linthicum apprised of extreme temperature cases.

----- Original Message -----

From: George Crippen
Sent: 08/05/2011 01:14 PM CDT
To: Robert Williams
Cc: Phyllis Mcwhorter
Subject: Re: Fw: RE: heat

Dr. Williams:

Do you want to send this to Dr. Linthicum today?

Thanks

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From: Robert Williams/Health_Services/TDCJ
To: "Phyllis McWhorter" <Phyllis.Mcwhorter@tdcj.state.tx.us>, George Crippen/Health_Services/TDCJ
Date: 08/05/2011 10:44 AM
Subject: Fw: RE: heat

Details below

----- Original Message -----

From: "Adams, Charles D." [cdadams@utmb.edu]
Sent: 08/05/2011 03:41 PM GMT
To: Robert Williams
Subject: FW: RE:

FYI

With our aging and sicker population, we really need a better long term strategy for dealing with this type of weather.

My thoughts,

Danny

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Senior Medical Director- Outpatient Division
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From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 9:48 AM
To: Adams, Charles D.
Cc: Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: RE: RE:

Here are the other 2 that were life flighted:

Settles, Edward # 1559637
Unit- Boyd

Meds:-ASA, Benzotropine 2mg qd, Dicloxacillin 500mg bid, Enalapril 10mg qpm, fluphenzine 10mg, qpm, motoprolol 25mg bid, nortriptyline 75mg qpm, metformin 100 mg bid.
No show for MH appt on 8-2-11. Clinic closed at 1800 hours. At approx 2250 he was asked for ID and did not respond. Dyspneic and 911 was activated. EMS arrived at 2310 and dx with heat stroke, resp failure, and hyponatremia.
Temp on unit at 2300 was 92 degrees and 30% humidity.
Security was providing ice water 3x daily on the wings but he also had access to water in housing area.
Transported to ETMC-Tyler via air; EMS decision. Placed on vent, weaning him off due to patient improvement.

Meyers, Thomas #680515

Unit- Coffield

Meds- Enalapril 10mg qam, Levothyroxine 0.1mg qd, Pravastatin 20mg qam, Risperidone 2mg qpm
Nursing arrived in housing area at 2230. Offender had been in day room area and was at that time lying on the walk way on 2 row. He was unresponsive, skin hot and dry, however respirations were even and unlabored. Pupils constricted and non reactive, tachycardic, temp 104.6 ax.

Offender had free access to water in housing area. He was assigned to R wing which is noted to be hottest wing on the unit due to location in the evening sun. GP offender that had access to pill window but was not compliant with BP meds and Levothyroxine.

Helicopter landed on the unit (EMS request) to pick up patient however the patient coded. Removed from the chopper and taken by ground to PRMC where he was pronounced dead.

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From: Adams, Charles D.

Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:33 AM

To: Maxwell, Kelly B.; Robison, Jerri D.; Burns, Bobby W.

Subject: RE:

Thank you Kelly.

Charles D. (Danny) Adams, MD, MPH

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From: Maxwell, Kelly B.

Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:27 AM

To: Robison, Jerri D.; Burns, Bobby W.

Cc: Adams, Charles D.; Maxwell, Kelly B.

Subject: RE: RE:

Gurney Unit shipped Offender Brucia, Joseph # 1723327 for chest pain on 8.2.11. He went via helicopter to ETMC Tyler. EMS made the call to ship via helicopter. Offender had abnormal EKG and low blood pressure. He was given IV bolus and then nitro that helped relieve his pain. Mr. S. Smith PA stated today that if his diagnosis was correct that the helicopter was appropriate call, but that we did not make it.

From: Robison, Jerri D.

Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 5:23 PM

To: Maxwell, Kelly B.; Burns, Bobby W.

Cc: Adams, Charles D.

Subject: Fwd: RE:

Please see Dr Adam's request below. I need the information in the am. Thank you both in advance.

Denee'

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adams, Charles D." <cdadams@utmb.edu<mailto:cdadams@utmb.edu>>

Date: August 4, 2011 4:37:05 PM CDT

To: "Robison, Jerri D." <jdrobiso@UTMB.EDU<mailto:jdrobiso@UTMB.EDU>>

Cc: "Biscoe, Paul I." <pibiscoe@UTMB.EDU<mailto:pibiscoe@UTMB.EDU>>, "Wright, Gary G." <ggwright@UTMB.EDU<mailto:ggwright@UTMB.EDU>>

Subject: RE:

Can you have the names and TDCJ numbers of these three to me in the AM ? I would also be interested in their age, circumstances of the event (working outdoors vs. recreation yard), how much water had they consumed, time of day symptoms began, current meds, etc.

Thank you,

Danny

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From: Robison, Jerri D.

Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:20 PM

To: Adams, Charles D.

Subject: Re: RE:

I believe it was Boyd.

Denee'

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On Aug 4, 2011, at 2:57 PM, "Adams, Charles D." <cdadams@utmb.edu<mailto:cdadams@utmb.edu>> wrote:

Was the second one off of Beto..the one that died ? Wonder if we can have TDCJ "lock down" for a while until the weather cools a bit, or at least bring everyone in around 11 AM.

Danny

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From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:42 PM
To: Adams, Charles D.
Subject: Fwd: RE:

More info on the chopper

Denee'
806-438-7966

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Burns, Bobby W." <bwburns@UTMB.EDU<mailto:bwburns@UTMB.EDU>>
Date: August 4, 2011 1:30:17 PM CDT
To: "Robison, Jerri D." <jdrobiso@UTMB.EDU<mailto:jdrobiso@UTMB.EDU>>
Subject: RE:
Edward Settles 1559637 was a heat related case from Boyd. He was transported to ETMC-FF where he was diagnosed with heat stroke. He was transported by helicopter to ETMC-Tyler where he was placed on a vent. He is improving and they are attempting to wean him off the vent today.

Thomas Meyers 680515 was brought to the clinic by staff in a heat related case. He was picked up by EMS who had a helicopter land at the unit. He was placed in the bird where he coded. He was removed from the bird and taken by ground unit to PRMC where he was pronounced.

From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:17 PM
To: Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: RE:

Was this the guy with the heat related illness? IF so, who gave the order to ship via air, the EMS or a provider?

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From: Burns, Bobby W.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Robison, Jerri D.
Subject: RE:

I had one from Boyd 8/3/11.

From: Robison, Jerri D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:04 PM
To: Maxwell, Kelly B.; Burns, Bobby W.
Subject: FW:

Do either of you know of any of our patients that were air lifted out today or yesterday?

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From: Adams, Charles D.
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Clayton, Harold B.; Wright, Gary G.
Cc: Robison, Jerri D.
Subject:

Good Afternoon,

What was the nature of the two recent life-flights (one yesterday and one today) ? Was life flight really needed? Did the EMS ground crew order it or did we? We need to to know which ones to challenge, fairly early on.

Thanks,

Danny

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Fw: Offender Death

William Stephens to: R.C. Thaler, Oscar Mendoza,
Thomas Prasifka, Kathy Cleere

08/08/2011 11:17 AM

From: William Stephens/Institutional/TDCJ
To: R.C. Thaler/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Oscar Mendoza/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Thomas Prasifka/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Kathy Cleere/Executive_Directors_Office/TDCJ@TDCJ
Mail #: WS-471

another one. housing temperature not extreme. may not be heat related.

----- Forwarded by William Stephens/Institutional/TDCJ on 08/08/2011 11:15 AM -----

From: Robert Eason/Institutional/TDCJ
To: William Stephens/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ
Date: 08/08/2011 10:45 AM
Subject: Fw: Offender Death

Boss,

Here's the information on the offender death at Michael we discussed a few minutes ago.

RJE

----- Forwarded by Robert Eason/Institutional/TDCJ on 08/08/2011 10:39 AM -----

From: Todd Foxworth/Institutional/TDCJ
To: Robert Eason/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ
Cc: Dwayne Dewberry/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, William Motal/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Jimmy Bowman/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Jody Hefner/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, /TDCJ@TDCJ, William Jock/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Steven Goff/Private_Facilities_Div/TDCJ@TDCJ, Keith January/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Michael Stephenson/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ, Christopher Holman/Institutional/TDCJ@TDCJ
Date: 08/08/2011 10:04 AM
Subject: Offender Death

Offender Togonidze, Alexander #1578039, W/M, G3 was discovered in his cell on 4 building non responsive at approximately 805am by the correctional officer. ICS was initiated by security staff and medical responded. Subject offender had a pulse and heartbeat. He was transported to the medical department where his condition began to deteriorate. Dr. Wright was at the unit and directed the emergency response. The offender was diagnosed with hypertension, diabetes, he was a seizure patient and had other medical conditions. His core body temperature was 106 degrees when he arrived in the medical dept. An ambient temperature was taken by the Risk Manager in the offender's cell and was recorded as 86.2 degrees and the housing area temperature was 86.5 degrees. The offender reportedly ate breakfast this morning in the chow hall and his cellmate stated he appeared fine at this time. The offenders cellmate was compatible with Offender Togonidze as they were 6 years apart in age and 10lbs difference in weight. It is noted that the offender did own and have a fan in his cell. The Michael unit is placing ice water in all housing areas here 2 to 3 times a day as well as ensuring all fans are operational in the living areas. In addition, the offenders are allowed to wear shorts and t-shirts in the dayrooms. We are currently attempting to reach the next of kin of Offender Tongonidze. OIG is assisting us with this process as the tel #'s we have are producing a fast busy signal. Additional info will be forwarded as received.

From: Jeff Pringle/Institutional/TDCJ
To: Roy Storie/Admin_Review_&_Risk_Mgmt/TDCJ@TDCJ
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 02:45PM
Subject: Re:

Thank you,
Jeff Pringle, Warden
Hutchins State Jail

From: Roy Storie
Sent: 08/10/2011 02:43 PM CDT
To: Jeff Pringle
Cc: Roy Storie

Warden Pringle

The following temps were taken on 8/09/2011 and at 10:30 AM. The outside temperature was 92.

A-5 = 94
A-6 = 95
A-7 = 94
A-8 = 94

Temps taken at 2:00 PM with outside temp of 108.

C-1 = 102
C-2 = 103
C-3 = 102
C-4 = 101

Temps taken at 4:00 PM with outside temp at 108

D-1 = 102
D-2 = 104
D-3 = 105
D-4 = 104
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